Chapter 157:
ACE ARRIVES

DJANGO'S DANCE HEAVEN, VOL. 24: "THE HOSTAGE GIRL"

SPLO

OSH!!!

GASP!!!

SEA CAT
(SEA MONSTER)
TERRITORY: THE COAST OF SANDY ISLAND

WHAT IS IT!!?

A SEA MON-STER !!!

GWAAAH!!!

IT'S A SEA CAT!!!

DOOM!!

FOOD!!

KRAK KRAK KREK!!

K-SHEEN!!

OUR FIRST MEAL IN FOUR DAYS !!!

AAA

FOOD!!!

WAH WAH

THE COURSE IS SET.

WE SHOULD BE THERE PRETTY SOON.

DON'T LET IT GET AWAY! WE HAVE TO CATCH IT!!!

GO BACK!! PUT THE SHIP IN REVERSE !!

HUH? HE RETREATED !?

!

I DON'T KNOW HOW!!

SWIP

KA-WHAM!!

STOP THAT !!!!

!!?

YOU CAN'T EAT IT!

GEEZ, VIVI! WHAT'RE YOU DOING!!?

H-HOW COME!?

GLUB

GLUB

!

SPLASH

...IS A SACRED ANIMAL.

IN ALABASTA, THE SEA CAT...

OUR LUNCH GOT AWAY...

YOU DID!!?

DID I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME I FOUGHT A SEA MONSTER IN THE CALM BELT?

CHONK

CHONK

SPLASH

YEAH. A HUGE ONE!!

H-HMM... IF YOU THINK THAT WAS STRANGE... YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET.

THE OCEAN'S FULL OF STRANGE CREATURES.

SHAKE SHAKE

WE'VE ENTERED THE ALABASTAN CLIMATE ZONE.

VIVI! THE WEATHER SEEMS TO BE STABILIZING.

THE APPEARANCE OF THE SEA CAT PROVES IT.

REALLY!? WHAT KIND OF CAT'S GONNA APPEAR NEXT!?

OH, CHEER UP. YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY TO EAT SOON.

SHEEN!

SO DO THOSE THINGS BEHIND US, RIGHT?

D A-D O O M!!

SHIPS !!!

!!!

FOOLS. FORGET THESE LITTLE FISH.

NO, WAIT!! LET'S EAT FIRST!!

YEAH, LET'S JUST BLOW THEM UP!

GURGLE

Y-YIKES!! LET'S BLAST THEM ALL RIGHT NOW!!!

THE AGENTS ARE GATHERING !!

WOo

HEY, THEY'RE ALL BAROQUE WORKS SHIPS!!!

OOO...

WHERE'D THEY ALL COME FROM !!?

THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT OF US.

YEAH! DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE REAL TARGET.

THEY'RE THE ELITE OF BAROQUE WORKS. THIS WON'T BE LIKE WHISKY PEAK!!

THERE MUST BE AT LEAST 200 MEN OUT THERE.

THEY'RE THE OFFICER AGENTS' UNDER-LINGS...

THOSE MUST BE THE "BILLIONS."

KRK

TIE THEM ON TIGHT.

THIS ENEMY HAS TOO MANY SECRETS.

KRK...

WITH THESE ON, WE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL WHO'S WHO.

KRK

GOOD IDEA.

SOUNDS LIKE A FREAK TO ME.

HMPH...

HE WAS GREAT!! WE COULDN'T HELP CHEERING!

THEY'RE NOT JUST GOOD...

...THEY'RE PERFECT! YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HIM!

KRK

ARE THEY REALLY THAT GOOD? THESE...

...CLONE-CLONE FRUIT TRANSFOR-MATIONS?

READ THIS WAY

BUT WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

...WE HAVE TO PLAN OUR MOVES CAREFULLY.

WHAP

NOW THAT WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST...

WHATEVER I CAN DO? OKAY!!

QUACK !!!

THAT'S YOUR MOTTO, EH, USOPP?

KRK!!

JUST DO WHATEVER YOU CAN.

IF YOU CAN'T WIN, IT'S OKAY TO RUN!! JUST DO YOUR BEST!!

WHUP...!

RIGHT! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS FROM HERE ON...

...OUR LEFT ARMS WILL BEAR...

WE'RE NEARING THE HARBOR.

LET'S ANCHOR IN THE COVE TO THE WEST. WE HAVE TO HIDE THE SHIP.

ALL RIGHT.

LET'S GO ASHORE !!!

OOOOOKI!

...THE SIGN OF OUR FELLOW-SHIP!

WOoOooo

...THEN ON TO ALABASTA.

TO EAT !!!!

ALA-BASTA'S AN AFTER-THOUGHT !!?

SWF

OKAY, GOTCHA !!

WE HAVE TO CONTROL OUR DESIRES! UNDER-STAND?

OKAY.

WE'RE UP AGAINST A RING OF ASSAS-SINS, LUFFY.

...

BLAB BLAB

THE PORT OF NANOHANA

ALABASTA KINGDOM

YACK YACK

WUFF...

THERE'S A CROWD GATHERING OVER THERE.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

YACK YACK

spice bean

MUMBLE MUMBLE

*TEXT ON JACKET SAYS "JUSTICE" - Ed.

CAPTAIN SMOKER !!

THERE'S A BAD MAN IN TOWN!!!

OH, LOOK.

ONE OF THE CUSTOMERS SUDDENLY DROPPED DEAD.

TMP TMP TMP...

WUZZ

WUZZ

HE WAS A TRAVELER. SOME OF THE PEOPLE THINK...

...HE MAY HAVE UNKNOWINGLY EATEN A DESERT STRAWBERRY. THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING.

HE WAS TALKING TO THE PROPRIETOR AND HE SUDDENLY DROPPED DEAD.

YACK

YACK

* SYMBOL ON HIS BACK IS AN ANCIENT BUDDHIST SYMBOL, NOT A SWASTIKA - Ed.

YACK

DO

YACK

OH!!

"DESERT STRAW-BERRY"?

AND FOR SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THAT, ITS CONTAGIOUS POISON...

IT'S A POISONOUS SPIDER THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE A STRAWBERRY.

...SPREADS THROUGHOUT YOUR BODY.

YACK

YACK

BUT IF YOU ACCIDENTALLY EAT IT, A FEW DAYS LATER YOU SUDDENLY COLLAPSE.

IN THE DESERT, IGNORANCE CAN KILL YOU.

THAT'S WHY NO ONE WANTS TO GO NEAR HIM.

THE DESERT STRAW-BERRY...

...KILLS YOU THAT QUICK.

POOR DEVIL, HE'S STILL CLUTCHING HIS FORK.

HIS BODY HAS STIFFENED IN THAT POSITION.

WIP

HUH?

A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WIP

WAH!! HE'S ALIVE!!!

WUBBA !!?

GASP!!

AAGH!!

SWUP SWUP

UNH...

!?

TONK!!

WELL ...

HUH ...

FELL ASLEEP!!?

I FELL ASLEEP.

GACK!!

WHAD-DAYA KNOW?

MUNCH— MUNCH

WITH FOOD IN HIS MOUTH!?

HE FELL ASLEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF A CONVERSATION!? WHILE EATING!?

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

DOOM!!

NO, ER.. WE'RE JUST GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.

YOU HIRE THESE COMEDIANS?

WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!!!

PHEW

TUNK

GRAAH!!

GRA

WHY, YOU!!!

AR!!!

ZZZZZZ

PLOP

THWUMP

WAH

WAH

...

A FALSE ALARM.

WHAT? HE'S *NOT* DEAD?

YOU GOT A LOT OF NERVE SHOWING YOUR FACE AROUND HERE.

WOOO...

!

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS GUY AROUND HERE?

HE WEARS A STRAW HAT.

YEAH?

BY THE WAY, MISTER..

TIK TIK...

WANTED

FWUP

...

PORTGAZ D. ACE?

WHAT'S WHITE-BEARD'S SECOND DIVISION COM-MANDER DOING HERE...

WHAT'S HE DOING HERE!!?

MURMUR

IT'S TRUE! I RECOG-NIZE THAT TATTOO ON HIS BACK!

HUBBUB!!

WHITE-BEARD!!? HE'S ONE OF WHITE-BEARD'S PIRATES !!?

...

HUH !!?

LUFFY, WAIT!!!

SHOOM!!

A RESTAU-RANT !!!!

...LOOKING FOR MY KID BROTHER.

I'M JUST...

トーク トーク…

PORTGAZ D. ACE
SECOND DIVISION COMMANDER
WHITEBEARD'S PIRATES

WE'RE GONNA WIN NEXT YEAR'S DANCE CONTEST!!

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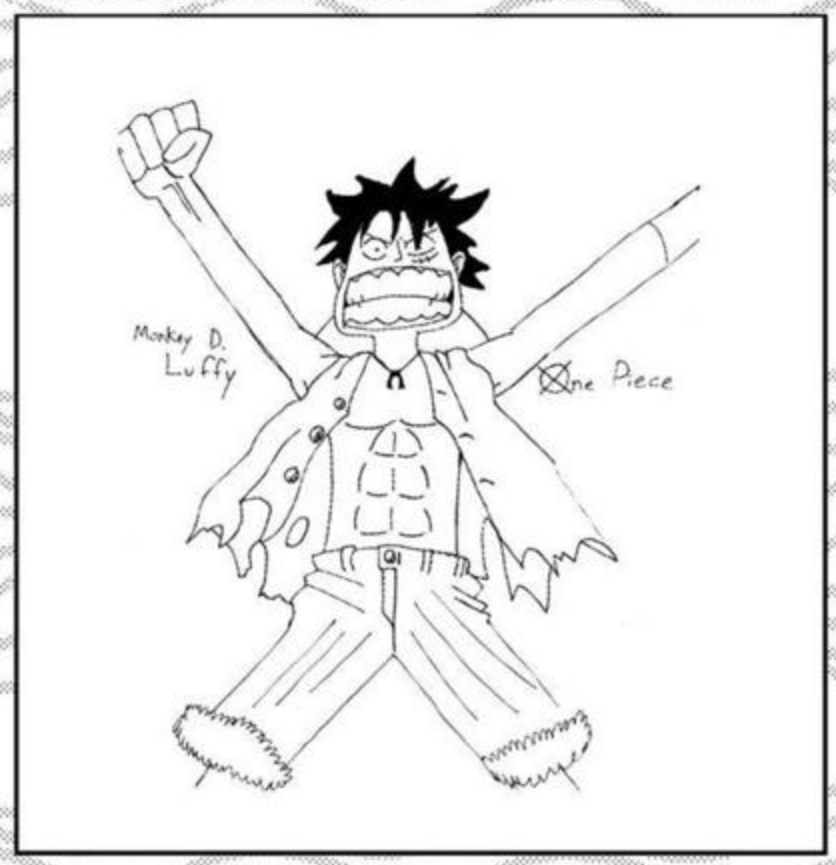
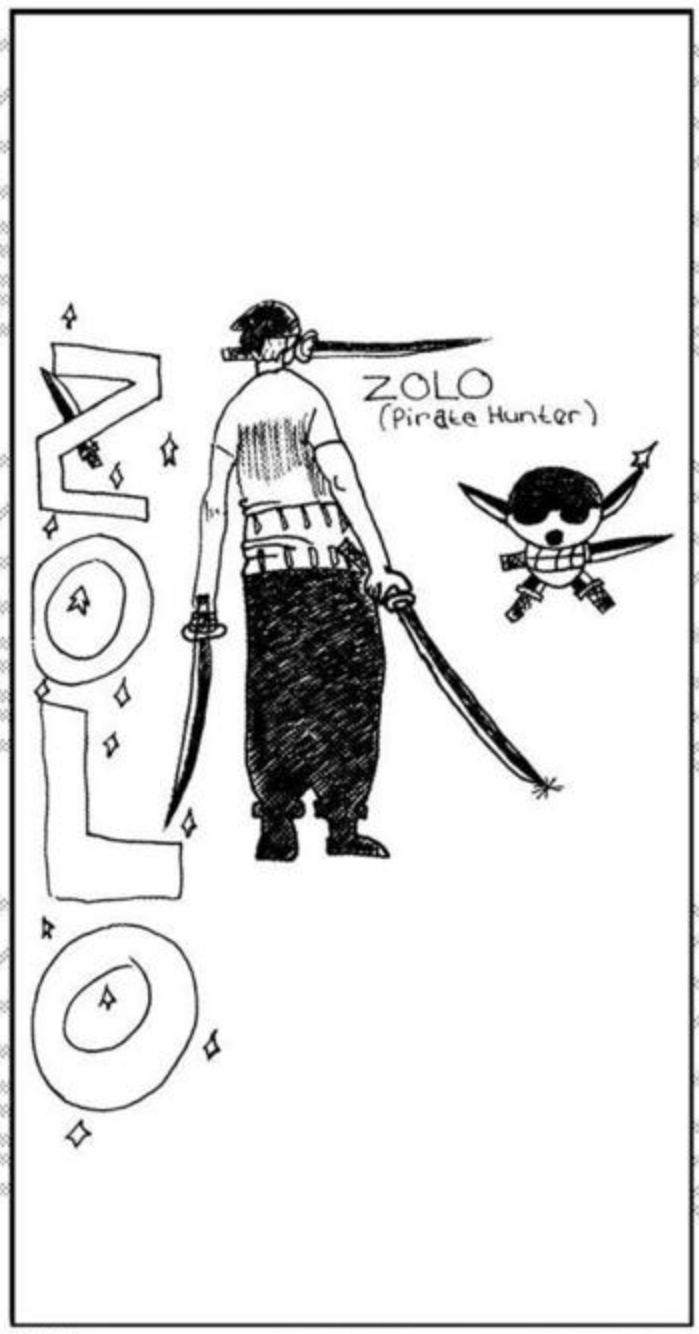
ARRRGH!! FEED ME!!!



CHRIS C.

I GOT YOUR BACK!



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I'M AFTER YOU, STRAW HATS!!

KAYLEIGH

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